State of Nevada

Executive Department

A Proclamation by the Governor

WHEREAS, *the State of Nevada has long acknowledged that government records have a unique character that demands additional accountability standards to manage and preserve them. State records document past decisions and establish and protect current rights and responsibilities of both the government and the governed; and*

WHEREAS, *some state records have enduring value because they can help us understand the past, deal intelligently with the present, and prepare for the future; and*

WHEREAS, *records are significant artifacts of our society for they are the primary means by which we pass our culture from one generation of Nevadans and Americans to the next. Archivists act as custodians of these records; and*

WHEREAS, *state records are essential to administrative continuity, especially in the event of a disaster, records can provide for the continuing of business operations. They provide crucial details for repairing, renovating, or replacing infrastructure after a disaster; and*

WHEREAS, *state records provide a source of public accountability for the ways in which elected officials and the state government have carried out their public trust and the mandates of the citizenry. An open government promotes the democratic principles upon which lies the foundation of our society; and*

WHEREAS, *records of state government form a vital, useful, and usable resource for both the government and the citizen, they provide information for research into environmental, health, education, welfare, and other societal issues. This information resource requires a systematic program of controls if it is to be economically maintained and effectively utilized;*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRIAN SANDOVAL, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, *do hereby proclaim October 26, 2015, as*

STATE ARCHIVES DAY IN NEVADA

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Nevada to be affixed at the State Capitol in Carson City, this 28th day of September, 2015.

Governor

By the Governor:

Barbara K. Cegavske

Secretary of State

By

Deputy